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LEE.

More than four decades have passed since the great captain of the Con- has increased seven times federacy died at Lexington, yet on this, the one hundred and fifth anniversary tion and the reverent affection of men. get 350 feet long by 20 feet high. More has been written of him in the period, and the significant fact is that, an incomparable host grows dim with historians and writers outside appreciating the majesty of, his man-Northern historians, some of them men ward now and call Lee the greatest that the American continent aracter, the purity of his life, and realized by the nation as never before, of men; time alone can determine Almost half a century has gone ince Appoinattox, but General Lee who, when urged to appear on the through the South, shrank from doing so, saying: "Why should they care to

Not only is the fame of Lee imrtul; the influences of his life still The impress of his character leaves to-day an incifaceable ideal in the souls of the young men of the South. It was to the young men of post-bellum service of training them their duty in life," as he put cherishes the memory of those upon the Lord God Almighty set the but higher and above all to descendthose who marched in the gray host, the ideal man, the guiding and uplifting. Some there are us that life is the end of all, fluence of this wonderful life, ever stirring mortals to lift up their eyes perish, but lives forevermore in lives made better and deeds made nobler.

MR. HAY'S ARMY BILL.

The bill introduced by Mr. Hay, of

position of chairman of the Military Committee of the House of

Naturally, a bill that deliberately sets out to reduce the number of comfortable berths in Washington and to limit the number of general officers, has met with strong opposition from the "service." At one fell swoop the than at the South, as a possibility, if Hay bill reduced the major generals from seven to five and the brigadier. generals from sixteen to twelve, and abolished the position of brigadiergeneral acting as Chief of Coast Artillery.

But reductions in general officers were not the longy aim of the Hay bill, which also planned a consolidation under one head of the Quartermenters' the Subsistence and the Paymaster's Departments into one corps, to be known as the Supply Corps. This latter reform can hardly be attacked by any one. Even to the civilian's mino it is obviously a wise and Proper course, and this proposal has alread received the indersement of suc prominent Republican officials as Mr. Root, during his term as Secretary of War, and Major-General Leonar Wood, who, as late as May of last year, approved the consolidation as a good bill. Now the chief of staff ha decided to oppose this measure. We cannot feel that the opposition of Major-General Wood, or of other interested parties, will prevent the carrying out of this provision, which will make for economy and efficiency.

It is not by any means so sure, how ever, that Mr. Hay's suggestion in regard to the Chief of Coast Artillery is sound, Perhaps the best way for civilians to gain an idea of this ques tion is by considering the fact that Artillery was established, on February 2, 1991, the Coast Artillery was in severy low glate of efficiency, while charmed every one of the guests het courts.

to-day it ranks as the best coast artillery in the world-The measure of this improvement

to be found in the marvelous increase of accuracy and speed with which the big guns are handled. Ten years ago large calibre guns was obtained by By Times-Dispatch Carrier Delivery Ser. of one shot from each gun every three rice in Richmond (and suburbs) and Pe-minutes. During the past two years of one shot from each gun every three One Week 100 per cent. of hits has been controlled by several batteries on a target pair without Sunday 16 cents and feet high by 60 feet long—the target conday only 5 cents of feet high by 60 feet long—the target conday only 6 cent bigh—at a range from 7,000 Va., as second-class matter under set of to 2,000 yards, firing one shot per gun levery thirty-five seconds.

has increased five times, and when we consider the difference in range from

is birth, he looms up in history five times as many hits on a target greater than ever before; each day he 30x60 feet as did the best trained decommands more and more the admira- tachment ten years ago firing at a tar-

at stationary targets; to-day the tarsufficient accuracy to warrant their day mortars up to 15,000 yards scor o per cent, of hits against moving

In the above statement, taken from the report made by the Coast Artillery figures nor the facts are questioned.

considering the increased efficiency of mine defenses, the improved training, the maintenance of the best school for has come about as a direct result of Coast Artillery with the rank of a general.

The Times-Dispatch sympathizes with and applauds Mr. Hay in his eftorts to secure economy and increase the co-ordination and efficiency of the army, but we hope that when the bill session-it having been passed over that General Lee gave his this session-that it will be amended coast artillery unimpaired. It would dred dollars a year in salaries and t disorganize the most effective branch of our entire fighting land force.

LEGALIZED PRIMARIES IN SIGHT.

The favorable report of the House bill practically assures its passage by age. The influence of General ate will accept it with amendments. to-day, inspiring thousands. Senator Gravatt's bill differs chiefly in its compulsory feature. Our own preference is for a compulsory law, out it is evident that the people do public sentiment may grow to the point where it will eventually demand it hills? Such a life cannot such an evolution has taken place in a number of States.

The exsential point at this time to o secure the passage of the best bill that on get through. Its actual operation 'i suggest amendments from time to time.

should mollify the opposition of those localities which still prefer conven tions in local contests. The friends regularity, purity, economy and more satisfactory working of the primary

UNDERWOOD LOOMS UP.

disclaimer of Representative Oscar W. Underwood, of candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President is to stand or not, there is no question that he is looming large not this time, then in the near future. Mr. Underwood is making a widesprea and distinctive impression, not only of the House majority, and not only grooms are a masterful Southern Democrat, but they were. as an American publicist and states man-a man of affairs and broad concept of his responsibility to the whole people.

No more convincing or significant recognition of this could be fortheming than is furnished in some relourned on what happened at a din her given in New York Monday night occasion developed. Our Wall Street contemporary is allied to and in sympathy with the Cinterests," but its sympathies are with the best and the highest in the interests. It consequents ly reflects the influence, views and ment. The dinner was a private and informal one, at which there were some forty representative citizens of thus referred to by the Greensbore New York 'some of them temocrats fiererd, one of the flyest of our Tarsome prominent Republicans, but all

informal questioning, conversation and years," exchange of views which are frequento gain an idea of this ques-considering the fact that ly of so much greater consequence office of Chief of Coast than prepared addresses. It is sum have to consume enough time to ge

merely by the revelation of that unisual gift of personality which has served him so well as leader in the House, but also by the acuteness, as comments on conditions as they now exist in the United States."

Collier's, in commenting on its Wall Street contemporary's article, thinks it suggestive of a most important trend "in the Democratic presidential situation," and indicates clearly the belief that circumstances and popular sentiment may not permit that the Underwood disclaimer shall stand. This obvious trend, as Collier's sees it, is a disposition on the part of those business men who are commonly supposed to be supporting Harmon, to turn from the Ohio man and look with increasing favor on Underwood." With his uncomplicated record. Underwood, it resumes, "is a sound progressive on the tariff, and that, together with his splendid generalship in the management of the Democratic Congress, commends him to the radicals. On such issues as the initiative and the referendum, he is an avowed standpatter; that commends him to the conservatives." Then, in conclusion: "The New York and Eastern leaders would probably make up their minds definitely to back Underwood but for a lurking fear that he may be bandicapped as a vote-getter by the fact that he is a Southerner, a doubt which grows less the longer it is looked in the face."

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enough to overmaster all other considerations, be they never so potent and appealing to patriotism, remains to be seen; but this much is certain; that such expressions as the Wall Street Journal's and Collier's leave no room to doubt that we are reaching with leaps and bounds that plane in national politics on which no sectional candidate can hope for success-a if the true spirit of American nationalism is ever to prevail again, and American statesmanship is once more, founders of our institutions, and make us in fact as well as in name a thing else, Oscar W. Underwood would have served it vastly and splendidly becoming the impelling instrument of the movement in this direction.

Equal suffrage and the duties attached to it have brought embarrassment as well as benefit to the lone woman on the murder jury at Seattle, who must be locked up every night in the same room with cleven men, The law, as old as the hills, requires that a jury cannot be separated.

Whether he is right or wrong, the trial judge was most chivalrous in lessening the jurywoman's confusion somewhat by ruling that she can have a bed behind a screen and a female attendant familiar with the intricate art of "hooking up."

If the prisoner is convicted of the crime with which he stands charged, the counsel for the defense may take an appeal on the ground that the separate retirement of a woman juror in the company of a woman balliff is illegal, and that a new trial should be granted.

If the Supreme Court at Washington nould support such a point and hand down an opinion that the trial judge was in error, all mixed juries therebe compelled to sleep sitting up with their clothes on until the Legislature saw fit to revise the the principle of de minimis lex non curat would prevent the passage of a statute forbidding the jurymen from putting their feet on the table, telling droll storics and featoening the walls and the coiling with the favorite iuxury of the American jury-tobacco

cost entailed by this feminine innovation. A screen in every courthouse would run up a big bill, and an extra woman bailiff in every judicial housesum tremendous. ly, The jurywoman of the species would be costlier than the juryman,

If President Taft doesn't stop show. ing Congress how the government may save millions, he will get into a class with Louis Brande's.

News comes from Washington of anther marriage between parties who are millionaires, Most brides and grooms are just as proud as though

Premier Yuan is doubtless much opsoxed to the tempering of Chinese reform by assassination.

Cuba should hesitate to get gay with Uncle Sam when she remembers San Juan Hill and Santiago.

Marse Henry Watterson seems to chare the small boy's aversion to having the schoolmaster tell him to keep

It should be explained that the dan cerous matches referred to in Senator Harman's bill are not those that are made in heaven.

Swift justice seems to be the maxim guiding a certain Greensboro judge fiecord, one of the livest of our Tar licel contemporaries

of them distinguished for outsiness, professional, educational or other achievements. "Judge Cook is familiar with that old game of club fist—"take it off on the calendar, it must either be tried or he knocks it out." When a case gets on the calendar, it must either be tried or he knocks it out. He is the stead, says our financial friend, the stead, says our financial friend, the leftermal questioning conversation and

If there were more Cooks like this cient to state," continues our con-all the way to the North Fele and temporary, "that Mr. Underwood back in securing his rights in the

duck snipe.

Voice of the People

well as the broad-mindedness of his Protect the Birds in Freezing Weather To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: s Protect the Birds in Freezing Weather. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—For the past week we have experienced in "Ole Virginny" a spell of weather that no doubt will correspond with that of colder climates. The snow that fell is here, with at least an inch of sleet on top of it, and this means that the game birds all over the State are suffering for the want of feed, and, at the same time, if they are not fed now with grain of some sort, that the Virginia sportsmen who hunt in the hundred countles of the Commonwealth will have a mighty poor time of it in the season of 1913.

The snow which has been failing is now at least five inches deep. In addition to this, the sleet has formed a compact mass of lee over thousands of acres of land in our State. This ice is hard enough to prevent the game birds from getting through to get anything to eat; therefore they will have to suffer unless the farmers of the State will scatter feed about for the Commitment.

The quail will suffer more than other

If this freeze prevails much longer, and if the quail are not fed by the farmers, there will be mighty little shooting in 1912.

J. M. BELL.

Election of Public School Teachers.
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—The man who, traversing a presumably safe path, falls suddenly into
into a pit, is no lover of his kind if he
falls to warn others of the pit's exist-

declare me not elected, and to re-elect the former principal of the Warrenton High School.

My astonishment was great, but my consternation was greater, as the Ash-

for breach of contract, which I brought, but did not press, as I was so fortunate as to secure a better position within a short time.

Now, why this pitfall in the path of teachers: What use is there in giving district school boards the right to shoot boards the right to shoot boards the right may be shoughted by county electoral boards, subject to "influence" of various kinds? How is a teacher to know when he or she is elected? In my case, notification by the clerk of the district school board (the universal method) was "no good." In justice to the teachers of Virginia, the law should be so amended as to give to some board the power of electing teachers without interference by any other board.

I write the above not only as a warning to my fellow-teachers, but with the hope that they may endeavor through their representatives in the Legislature to have the law amended during the present winter. Now is the time, for the session is short.

Principal Saffalk High School.

A Plea for the Motorman and the Con-

blessings of the arrest car service. From but few outputs is there a larger or more valuable yield in economy of time, in conservation of energy, in solid comfort, then from the small fare paid for a street car ride, Should the companies decline to meet the conditions alone, will not the beneficent citizen and the general public assist?

The merciful man is merciful to his

"Hessed are the merelful, for they "Hessed are the merelful, for they shall obtain mercy." HUMANITAS.

Robert F. Lee—1 Birthday Remembrance—1807-1912.
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Str.—Time rolls his ceaseless course, and another natal day has come to remind us of the heroes of the South. There can be no heroes without heroworship, and the country that forgets its great men will soon have none to remember, because the existence of the sentiment that creates the memorial tablet is an evidence of the continued existence of the same virtues that make greatness possible is the existence of the same virtues that nake greatness possible in the hero worshiped. In Virginia's capital there stands to-

Abe Martin

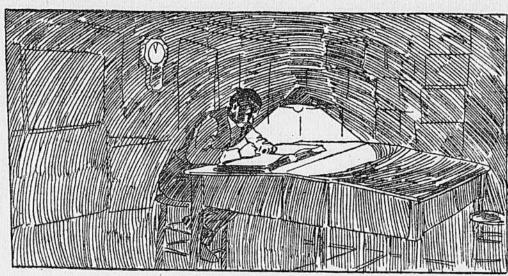
La Marquise de Fontenoy

ALL PLEASANT JOBS COME ONLY AFTER YEARS OF HARD WORK.

By John T. McCutcheon.



Here am I, slaving along at \$15 a week, and there is Baxter, working only half as hard as I do, and getting ten times the salary I get. I wish I had a snap like his."



How Baxter Got His Snap.

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F J. Pierpont Morgan was shadowed the other day on his trip from Parls to London by several of the eleverest detectives of the Parislan police, in obedience to orders from the Marriage haint no lottery 'cause you alius git ever thing that's comin. 't you. It must o' been a smart hunter that mistook a Indianny author for a police, in obscience to orders from the French government, it was in order to

day equestrian statues of two of the grandest "rebel" heroes history has been been contemporates—par abolity the state of the first lives, but in all the hereafter they are contemporates—par abolity with characterized both, while his wish and conquered it was a profession of the most language of the other, from some dangerous than the mistal the mistal of the profession of the most language in the wish in the little of the profession of the most language in the wish of the profession of the wish of the profession of the mistal the mistal was a polished stone with the little of faile at New York. The built his own monument in said does not some in the profession of the wish of the profession of the profession of the wish of the profession of the professi

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